

**Mayor and City Council of New Castle
Public Hearing**

**New Castle Town Hall - Delaware Street - New Castle
Tuesday, June 14, 2005 - 6:30 pm.**

Present:

Council President Blest
Councilman Reese
Councilman DiMondi
Councilwoman Churchill
Councilwoman Petty

Also present: Janet Carlin, City Treasurer

The purpose of the this meeting was to hear a presentation from the Delaware Solid Waste Authority (hereinafter "DSWA") regarding a pilot plan for recycling in the City of New Castle. Michael Parkowski from the DSWA gave the presentation. Mr. Parkowski stated that DSWA has pilot programs in similar areas around Delaware and they felt the program was worth putting into effect. The target areas for the City of New Castle would be Boothhurst and Van Dyke Village. DSWA would provide all of the residents of Boothhurst and Van Dyke Village with the proper receptacles, garbage bags, etc. The program would be on a voluntary basis for the residents. DSWA would like to have 500 households participate and would pick up trash once a week at a cost of \$2.00 per household per month which the City of New Castle would pay for. Any garbage that could not be recycled would be picked up by the Public Works Department once a week. This would eliminate the need for two weekly pick-ups for the Public Works. City Council would have the option of choosing which neighborhoods would be in the pilot program but it was felt that Boothhurst and Van Dyke Village were good choices because they are located close together and it would be efficient for DSWA to pick up the recycling bins. Mr. Parkowski stated that the garbage that DSWA recycles is sold to different companies, such as Marcal Paper.

Council felt that recycling was a good idea and would like to approach the residents regarding this program. Council felt that the neighborhoods chosen for the program need to be notified and get responses from the residents. Councilman Reese suggested using the band shell and holding a "neighborhood meeting" to let the residents know about the program and to get feedback from the residents. Councilwoman Petty felt that it was extremely important to let the residents know that the program was strictly voluntary. Mr. Parkowski from DSWA also said that representatives from DSWA would also go door to door to inform the residents of the program and answer questions from the residents or send out fliers, however Council felt it was best to let the residents know about the program.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. with discussions to be held at the regular City Council meeting following.

**Mayor and City Council of New Castle
Regular Council Meeting**

**New Castle Town Hall - Delaware Street - New Castle
Tuesday, June 14, 2005 - 7:00 pm.**

Roll Call

Present:

Council President Blest
Councilman Reese
Councilman DiMondi
Councilwoman Churchill
Councilwoman Petty

Others present: Treasurer Janet Carlin, Police Chief Kevin McDerby

Council President Blest convened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and led those assembled in the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of Minutes to Date

Council called for approval of the minutes to date. Council voted to accept the minutes from the Regular council meeting held on May 10, 2005. The motion carried.

Approval of Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Carlin reported that as of May 31, 2005, petty case totaled \$270.00. Cash in Wilmington Trust accounts totaled \$465,212.51. Monthly deposits totaled \$170,481.95. Monthly payables totaled \$235,264.40. Government Investment Pool totaled \$40,000.00. Total cash in the Wilmington Trust Accounts was \$205,812.19. Councilman Reese moved to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Councilwoman Churchill seconded the motion. The report was accepted.

Approval of Director's Report

Marian Delaney, Finance/HR Director was unavailable for the meeting due to her vigorously working on the budget for Council.

Approval of Chief of Police Report

Chief McDerby stated that Senate Bill 104 - Mutual Assistance Act was passed and therefore, New Castle City Police are now providing assistance to other police agencies for emergency situations. The police department received 5 new radios through a Homeland Security grant which will save the City \$24,000.00 in replacement costs. The police department received the new police motorcycle. A meeting would be held on 6/16/05 at 6:00 p.m. at the police station to

discuss a Board of Directors for a Citizens Corp program. The police would like to set up a

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program and would seek volunteers from the City to deliver meals, such as the Meals on Wheels program, check on the elderly and shut ins. Council approved the Chief of Police Report as presented.

Communications

Councilwoman Churchill stated that the Recreation Program sign up deadline has been extended to 6/20/05 and that the Administration Building would stay open until 5:00 p.m. to accept applications. If enough children signed up the program would run from 7/7/05 through 8/12/05.

Councilman DiMondi read a letter from State Representative Michael Mulrooney to Earl Timpson, Department of Transportation, authorizing the transfer of \$100,000.00 from Mr. Mulrooney's Community Transportation fund to the City of New Castle for the 9th Street Repaving Project. Councilman DiMondi stated that on behalf of Council, he would like to thank Mr. Mulrooney for his generous contribution and asked that if any of the residents of New Castle saw Mr. Mulrooney to thank him for the contribution.

Council President Blest stated that fliers would be going out with the Municipal Services bills requesting that if any residents of the City of New Castle were interested in being on committees that they should fill out the questionnaire and return it to the City. Council President Blest received a letter from Clifford Hearn, Esquire, and City Solicitor, regarding a Freedom of Information Act complaint that was filed against the City regarding the 219 2nd Street subdivision. The letter was not read into the record but that the letter was available if anyone wanted to read it. Council President Blest received a letter from Chip Patterson, Secretary of the Municipal Services Commission stating that Jeff Bergstrom wants to vacate Mare Avenue, located between 13th and 14th Streets in Washington Park as it is a paper street. Council President Blest stated that Council cannot just vacate a street and that Council would need to hold public meetings regarding the request. Council President Blest received a letter from Gregory Peden of the Trustees stating that payment from City Council has not received regarding the Police Station Complex. Council President Blest stated that a check was forthcoming. Marian Delaney received a letter from Clifford Hearn, Esquire that was, in turn, forwarded to Council President Blest regarding the Wilmington Trust Line of Credit. All Council members signed the paper work for the Line of Credit and it was decided that in order to access the account, Council must have a majority rule and that at least 2 Council members sign the checks.

Business from the Floor

Richard Schneider again requested that Council sign a Resolution regarding the Hay Road DuPont site. Allen Mueller of Green Delaware also requested that Council sign a Resolution.

Charles Cobb asked that Council form a Parking Task Force and also asked why Item #9 of New Business, Confirmation of the Mayor's Appointments to the Planning Commission, was going to

be confirmed by Council since the public did not know who the Mayor appointed and, therefore, had no say or could voice any objections to the Mayor's appointments.

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Business from the Mayor

Mayor Klingmeyer asked to discuss the Wilmington Trust Line of Credit because he wanted to make sure that Council had to have a majority vote for Council to access the account. He also felt that he should be one of the signatories on the checks.

Business from Council President

Council President Blest received e-mail from a resident asking why residents are not allowed to speak at Council meeting. Council President Blest stated that residents are allowed to voice their opinions and concerns at public meetings but the person who sent the e-mail was referring to Council's budget workshops and although the public was invited to attend the workshops, the workshops were specifically designed for Council to get a budget in place.

Unfinished Business

Councilman DiMondi reiterated the Delaware Solid Waste Authority's presentation to Council regarding recycling. The majority of Council felt that the recycling program should be implemented. Councilwoman Petty felt that the program should be implemented but wanted to reiterate that the residents need to know that the program was strictly on a volunteer basis and that the City was not demanding that resident participate.

A letter was received by Council from the Planning Commission requesting that a Parking Task Force be formed. Charlotte Houben stated that a study was performed approximately 5 years ago and that perhaps Council should review the findings of the study. This item was tabled until the next meeting to give Council and opportunity to review the study to see if any of the findings were feasible at this time.

New Business

1. Councilwoman Churchill received a request from a theater company who is producing a short film for approval to film in the City of New Castle. Councilwoman Churchill reviewed part of the transcript for film and felt that the content of the film was rather offensive and did not feel that the City should be part of it. Council voted to deny the request.
2. The discussion of the Tree Ordinance recommendations by Jackie Seneschal, City Planner was tabled.
3. A discussion was held regarding hiring a part time Code Enforcement Officer. Councilman

Respectfully submitted,

Jill F. DiAngelo, City Clerk